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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Unemployment in New Hampshire totalled 13,080 in December, a decrease of 200 from levels in November. The unemployment rate in New Hampshire for December was 2.2 percent, the same rate as in November, but less than the 2.5 percent in December 1986. The national unemployment rates were 5.4 percent in December, 5.6 percent in November, and 6.3 percent in December 1986. The number of unemployed nationally in December 1987, 6,526,000, declined 276,000 from 6,802,000 in November. In November (the latest month for which labor force data by state is available for comparison), New Hampshire reported the lowest unadjusted unemployment rate in the nation for the twenty-eighth consecutive month.

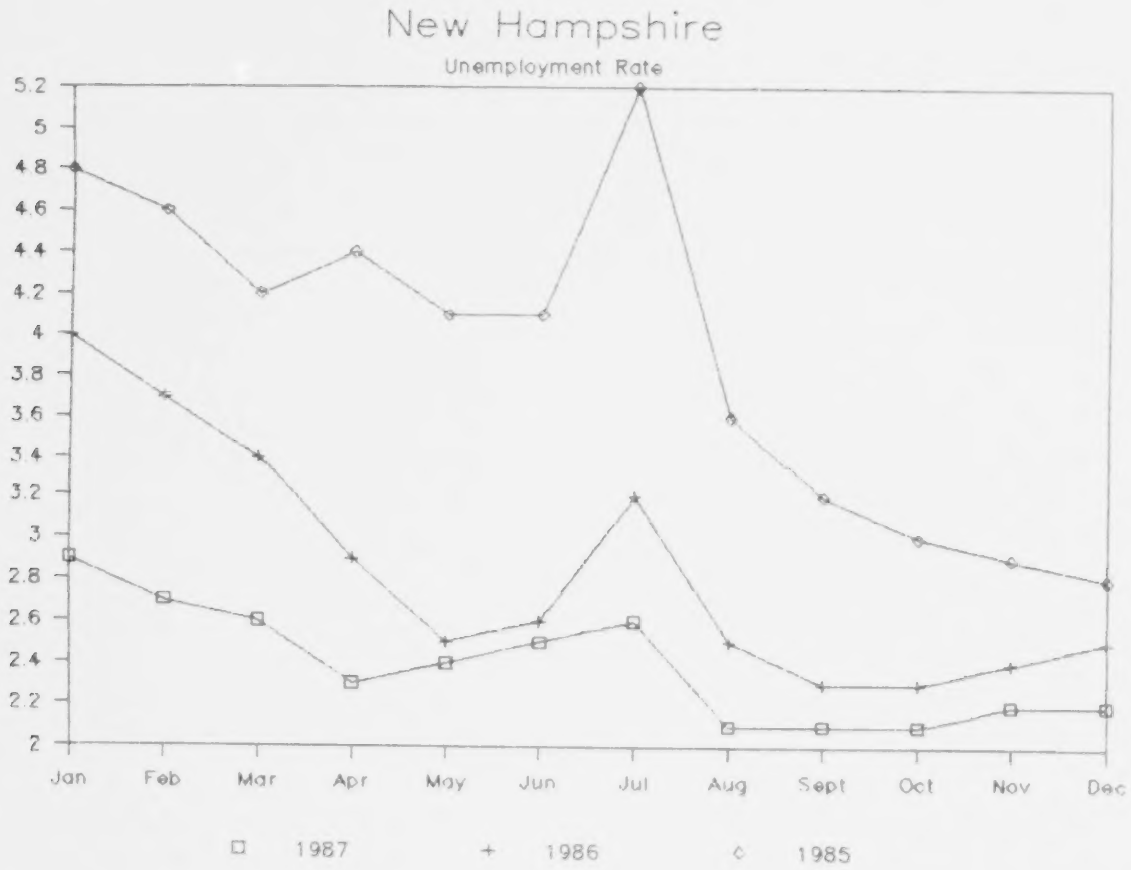
The civilian labor force in New Hampshire was 593,050 in December 1987 compared to 565,950 in December 1986.

Sample-based estimates of New Hampshire nonagricultural wage and salary employment for December expanded 4,750 from the November level of 517,200 to 521,950 in December. Of this increase, 3,950 more jobs were estimated in the nonmanufacturing sector and 800 in the manufacturing sector. The nonmanufacturing increase was attributable primarily to hiring in wholesale and retail trade, which was up 2,950 over November estimates. This represented final preparations for the holiday season. Services employment estimates were pegged 1,150 higher than in November. The seasonal slowdown continued in construction industries, with an estimated employment decline of 700. The manufacturing increase was shared by the durable goods sector (+500) and the nondurable goods sector (+300). These increases were spread among a variety of industries. Nonagricultural wages and salary employment in December 1987 indicated a 22,300 increase from a year earlier. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 18,350 of this, led by growth in services, trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate. Manufacturing employment was up 3,950 over December 1986 levels. Durable goods increases (+5,100), led by machinery, electrical products, and lumber and wood products industries, more than offset declines in nondurable goods employment (-1,150), where the most significant decreases were in the apparel and leather products industries.

Average weekly earnings in New Hampshire manufacturing was $401.82 in December, up from $390.40 in November and $384.20 a year earlier. The paper and allied products industry recorded the highest average weekly earnings at $575.97, followed by food and kindred products at $511.13. Lowest average weekly earnings were calculated for the footwear industry ($191.75) and the leather and leather products industry ($193.00). The durable goods sector averaged $408.62 per week, 42.3 hours per week, and $9.66 per hour. In comparison, the nondurable goods sector averaged $387.04 per week, 41.0 hours per week, and $9.44 per hour.

December unemployment data is also available for labor market areas. Unemployment rates were lowest in the Claremont (1.2 percent) and Keene (1.6 percent) Labor Market Areas. The Claremont and Keene Labor Market Areas also

had the lowest annual average unemployment rates (1.6 percent). Highest December rates were recorded in the town of Pelham (5.4 percent), which is part of the Lowell, MA PMSA, and in the Salem vicinity (4.6 percent), which is the NH portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, MA PMSA. Pelham recorded the highest annual average rate (5.1 percent). The number of unemployed in December was greatest in the Nashua PMSA (2,340) and in the NH portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, MA PMSA (2,340). Lowest number of unemployed was in Pelham (290), followed by the Littleton Labor Market Area (420). More complete figures may be found in the tables following.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From	
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Previous Month	Previous Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	593,050	591,250	565,950	1,800	27,100
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	13,080	13,280	14,110	-200	-1,030
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	2.2	2.2	2.2	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	579,970	577,970	551,840	2,000	28,130
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	350	0	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY	521,950	517,200	499,650	4,750	22,300
MANUFACTURING	121,650	120,850	117,700	800	3,950
Durable Goods	85,950	85,450	80,850	500	5,100
Lumber & Wood Prods.	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200
Furniture & Fixtures	1,650	1,600	1,600	50	50
Stone & Clay Prods.	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	200
Primary Metal Prods.	4,850	4,750	4,250	100	600
Fabricated Metal Prods.	7,050	6,950	6,750	100	300
Machinery (Exc. Elec.)	26,350	26,200	24,000	150	2,350
Electrical Prods.	25,000	24,900	23,650	100	1,350
Miscellaneous Prods.	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Other Durable Goods	9,350	9,350	9,400	0	-50
Nondurable Goods	35,700	35,400	36,850	300	-1,150
Food & Kindred Prods.	3,200	3,100	3,150	100	50
Textile Mill Prods.	3,950	3,850	3,750	100	200
Apparel	1,950	1,950	2,450	0	-500
Paper & Allied Prods.	5,400	5,350	5,500	50	-100
Print., Pub. & Allied	7,850	7,800	7,650	50	200
Leather & Lea. Prods.	3,800	3,800	4,600	0	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	9,550	9,550	9,750	0	-200
Nonmanufacturing	400,300	396,350	381,950	3,950	18,350
Construction (inc. mining)	36,050	36,750	34,700	-700	1,350
Transp., comm. & utilities	17,700	17,750	17,500	-50	200
Trade	133,800	130,850	127,700	2,950	6,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	31,700	31,400	29,700	300	2,000
Service Industry & Other	115,400	114,250	108,250	1,150	7,150
Government	65,650	65,350	64,100	300	1,550
Federal	9,250	9,100	8,400	150	850
State	18,700	18,600	17,600	100	1,100
Local	37,700	37,650	38,100	50	-400

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment

Labor Disputes: 0

MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Month	Year	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Month	Year	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Month	Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	86,650	86,350	84,870	300	1,780	99,510	98,060	93,160	1,450	6,350	131,720	131,730	125,570	-10	6,150
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	1,590	1,620	1,370	-30	220	2,340	2,360	2,180	-20	160	2,220	2,300	2,990	-80	-770
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	1.8	1.9	1.6	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.4	2.3	xxx	xxx	1.7	1.7	2.4	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	85,060	84,730	83,500	330	1,560	97,170	95,700	90,980	1,470	6,190	129,500	129,430	122,580	70	6,920
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	0	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY**	86,750	86,000	85,900	750	850	94,250	92,950	88,850	1,300	5,400	109,300	108,750	105,000	550	4,300
MANUFACTURING	12,650	12,600	13,400	50	-750	37,000	37,100	35,200	-100	1,800	19,950	19,700	20,250	250	-300
Durable Goods	8,000	7,950	8,100	50	-100	31,000	31,000	29,100	0	1,900	12,550	12,350	12,250	200	300
Machinery & elec. prods.	4,450	4,450	4,600	0	-150	23,900	23,800	22,100	100	1,800					
Other durables	3,550	3,500	3,500	50	50	7,100	7,200	7,000	-100	100					
Nondurable Goods	4,650	4,650	5,300	0	-650	6,000	6,100	6,100	-100	-100	7,400	7,350	8,000	50	-600
Textiles & apparel	1,250	1,250	1,500	0	-250										
Other nondurables	3,400	3,400	3,800	0	-400										
NONMANUFACTURING	74,100	73,400	72,500	700	1,600	57,250	55,850	53,650	1,400	3,600	89,350	89,050	84,750	300	4,600
Construction (inc. mining)	5,950	6,050	6,050	-100	-100	5,300	5,350	4,950	-50	350	5,250	5,450	5,600	-200	-350
Transp.,comm. & utilities	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100	2,300	2,250	2,200	50	100	3,150	3,100	2,850	50	300
Trade	24,000	23,050	23,950	950	50	22,300	21,500	20,950	800	1,350	29,300	28,900	27,700	400	1,600
Finance,ins. & real est.	8,800	8,750	8,150	50	650	3,700	3,700	3,250	0	450	6,700	6,600	6,000	100	700
Service industry & other	21,800	21,900	21,500	-100	300	16,700	16,350	16,050	350	650	19,550	19,550	17,900	0	1,650
Government	8,550	8,650	7,950	-100	600	6,950	6,700	6,250	250	700	25,400	25,450	24,700	-50	700
Federal	2,950	2,900	2,550	50	400	850	850	800	0	50	10,700	10,650	10,400	50	300
State	900	900	850	0	50	250	250	250	0	0	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
Local	4,700	4,850	4,550	-150	150	5,850	5,600	5,200	250	650	9,200	9,300	8,900	-100	300

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment

Benchmark:

Labor Disputes: 0

Manchester MSA: includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA: includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA: includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollingsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Dec. Number	1987 Rate	Nov. Number	1987 Rate	Dec. Number	1986 Rate	Month	Year	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	6,526	5.4	6,802	5.6	7,461	6.3	-276	-935	120,206	120,611	118,049	-405	2,157
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,080	2.2	13,280	2.2	14,110	2.5	-200	1,030	593,050	591,250	565,950	1,800	27,100
BERLIN LMA	670	2.6	860	3.4	580	2.4	-190	90	25,820	25,610	24,250	210	1,570
CLAREMONT LMA	460	1.2	490	1.2	1,180	3.1	-30	-720	39,530	39,470	38,080	60	1,450
CONCORD LMA	990	1.8	970	1.8	970	1.9	20	20	53,880	53,960	50,700	-80	3,180
KEENE LMA	670	1.6	590	1.4	730	1.8	80	-60	42,080	42,360	39,560	-280	2,520
LACONIA LMA	870	1.7	860	1.7	1,070	2.2	10	-200	51,480	51,920	48,850	-440	2,630
LITTLETON LMA	420	2.4	620	3.6	520	3.1	-200	-100	17,580	17,190	16,660	390	920
MANCHESTER MSA	1,590	1.8	1,620	1.9	1,370	1.6	-30	220	86,650	86,350	84,870	300	1,780
NASHUA PMSA	2,340	2.4	2,360	2.4	2,180	2.3	-20	160	99,510	98,060	93,160	1,450	6,350
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,340	4.6	2,020	4.1	2,090	4.3	320	250	50,350	49,870	48,680	480	1,670
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,220	1.7	2,300	1.7	2,990	2.4	-80	-770	131,720	131,730	125,570	-10	6,150
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	610	3.1	610	3.1	570	3.1	0	40	19,430	19,610	18,490	-180	940
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	290	5.1	310	5.7	220	4.2	-20	70	5,400	5,420	5,210	-20	190
County													
BELKNAP	420	1.6	450	1.7	600	2.4	-30	-180	26,790	27,050	25,490	-260	1,300
CARROLL	250	1.4	320	1.8	320	1.9	-70	-70	17,950	17,940	17,010	10	940
CHESHIRE	610	1.6	540	1.4	680	1.9	70	-70	37,590	37,840	35,350	-250	2,240
COOS	690	3.4	890	4.5	630	3.3	-200	60	20,100	19,920	18,890	180	1,210
GRAFTON	690	1.7	790	2.0	760	2.0	-100	-70	39,910	39,610	37,750	300	2,160
HILLSBOROUGH	4,060	2.2	4,150	2.3	3,690	2.1	-90	370	185,320	183,900	177,060	1,420	8,260
MERRIMACK	1,120	1.7	1,110	1.7	1,070	1.8	10	50	64,070	64,180	60,620	-110	3,450
ROCKINGHAM	4,000	3.2	3,750	3.0	3,880	3.3	250	120	123,740	123,250	118,740	490	5,000
STRAFFORD	1,000	1.7	1,040	1.8	1,560	2.8	-40	-560	57,330	57,360	55,220	-30	2,110
SULLIVAN	240	1.2	240	1.2	920	4.6	0	-680	20,250	20,200	19,820	50	430

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
All manufacturing	$401.82	$390.40	$384.20	41.9	41.4	42.5	$9.59	$9.43	$9.04
Durable goods	408.62	392.78	399.11	42.3	41.0	43.1	9.66	9.58	9.26
Lumber & wood prods.	329.91	307.47	298.25	39.7	38.1	40.8	8.31	8.07	7.31
Furniture & fixtures	330.49	327.10	323.39	42.1	41.3	44.3	7.85	7.92	7.30
Stone & clay prods.	381.92	355.32	368.07	43.4	42.3	42.7	8.80	8.40	8.62
Primary metal prods.	474.62	473.62	422.11	47.7	47.6	44.2	9.95	9.95	9.55
Fab. metal prods.	404.80	394.17	378.56	42.7	41.8	41.6	9.48	9.43	9.10
Mach. (exc. elec.)	443.67	434.82	421.33	44.5	43.7	45.5	9.97	9.95	9.26
Electrical prods.	406.18	389.32	441.34	39.9	38.7	43.1	10.18	10.06	10.24
Miscellaneous prods.	360.55	309.24	381.97	41.3	36.0	39.0	8.73	8.59	7.23
Other durables	403.85	384.31	387.32	42.2	40.2	42.1	9.57	9.56	9.20
Nondurable goods	387.04	382.69	352.23	41.0	42.1	41.1	9.44	9.09	8.57
Food & kindred prods.	511.13	488.87	416.25	43.5	42.4	41.5	11.75	11.53	10.03
Textile mill prods.	320.95	318.16	314.57	41.2	41.0	41.5	7.79	7.76	7.58
Apparel	242.88	252.20	229.88	36.8	38.8	37.5	6.60	6.50	6.13
Paper & allied prods.	575.97	565.43	482.15	52.6	52.5	48.9	10.95	10.77	9.86
Print., pub. & allied	402.60	379.42	371.53	40.3	39.4	38.5	9.99	9.63	9.65
Leather & lea. prods.	193.00	208.00	209.52	33.8	35.8	36.0	5.71	5.81	5.82
Footwear	191.75	208.22	194.86	33.7	35.9	35.3	5.69	5.80	5.52
Other nondurables	391.78	397.18	378.48	39.1	42.8	42.1	10.02	9.28	8.99

Sample Percent of Production Workers 52%

Total Production Workers: 83,250

Firms Reporting: 244

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
All manufacturing	$413.97	$396.06	$373.51	41.9	41.0	41.0	$9.88	$9.66	$9.11
Durable goods	428.68	400.57	394.28	41.7	39.7	41.2	10.28	10.09	9.57
Mach. & elec. prods.	442.46	422.10	410.22	42.3	40.2	43.0	10.46	10.50	9.54
Other durables	412.05	375.93	374.79	41.0	39.2	39.0	10.05	9.59	9.61
Nondurable goods	387.82	387.10	341.47	42.2	43.3	40.7	9.19	8.94	8.39
Textiles & apparel	293.31	302.81	297.34	38.9	40.7	40.4	7.54	7.44	7.36
Other nondurables	424.56	420.91	359.45	43.5	44.4	40.8	9.76	9.48	8.81

Sample Percent of Production 68%

Total Production Workers: 9,300

Firms Reporting: 28

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
All manufacturing	$511.03	$488.27	$487.26	42.8	41.1	43.7	11.94	11.88	11.15
Durable goods	520.47	492.34	503.05	43.3	41.2	44.4	12.02	11.95	11.33
Mach. & elec. prods.	555.12	537.51	552.27	42.8	41.7	44.9	12.97	12.89	12.30
Other durables	450.34	401.79	394.07	44.5	40.3	43.4	10.12	9.97	9.08
Nondurable goods	472.53	466.27	420.21	40.7	40.3	40.6	11.61	11.57	10.35

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 56%

Total Production Workers: 20,650

Firms Reporting: 46

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
All Manufacturing	$378.92	378.39	369.96	41.0	40.6	40.7	9.12	9.32	9.09
Durable Goods	392.35	400.34	417.74	40.2	41.4	41.9	9.76	9.67	9.97
Nondurable Goods	343.05	341.91	300.70	42.3	39.3	38.9	8.11	8.70	7.73

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 27%

Total Production Workers: 14,500

Firms Reporting: 32

NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND

This section provides data by local office area, illustrating one dimension of labor supply and demand. Job openings received and active applicants are grouped by occupation, according to Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) codes. Job openings are also listed by industry, while applicants are classified by various personal characteristics. Such data has been compiled and published on a quarterly basis, and inclusion in Economic Conditions allows more timely access to this information for analysis and planning.

The number of active applicants for December (7,434) increased over November (6,652) as construction began a seasonal slowdown and many manufacturing firms paused for Christmas vacations. There were fewer job openings received in December (1,382) compared to November (1,693), with much of the decrease occurring in structural occupations and machines trades. However, there was an increase in packaging and material handling job openings as new manufacturing created employment in the Berlin area.

Active applicants registered in all local offices increased by nearly 800 between November and December, a 12 percent increase. Of the 7,434 active applicants in December, 50 percent were registered in Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester, and Concord. Much of the increase in the number of active applicants in these offices was due to the completion of construction projects, especially in Dover. Dover also experienced an increase in applicants normally employed in leather, plastics, electrical and electronics and instruments occupations as firms closed for the Christmas holiday. The number of active applicants from professional, technical and managerial occupations remained nearly the same between November and December for Concord and Portsmouth, but increased 37 in Dover and decreased 35 in Manchester. Other occupations that recorded an increased number of active applicants at the four local offices include: clerical occupations with 14 for Concord, 48 for Dover and 21 for Nashua; services occupations with 46 for Dover; and motor freight and transportation with 22 for Dover, 15 each for Nashua and Portsmouth, and 11 for Concord. Laconia, Manchester and Lebanon were the only offices to report fewer active applicants than the preceding month. Laconia had fewer applicants registered from professional, technical and managerial (-31), clerical (-46), machine trades (-17), and benchwork occupations (-21) but more in structural (+72) and motor freight and transportation occupations (+26). Manchester had decreases in the number of applicants with professional (-35) and sales (-13) backgrounds while Lebanon had slightly fewer applicants from professional, clerical or sales positions.

Job openings received declined from 1,693 in November to 1,382 in December, a drop of 18.4 percent. Ten of the thirteen local offices reported fewer job openings in December than in November. Seasonal slowdowns resulted in fewer job openings received in structural occupations (314 in November compared to 198 in December). Machine trades had fewer job openings received (174 in November to 121 in December) due to Christmas vacations, which resulted in one to two week layoffs for many firms. Clerical (-34), services (-39) and machine trades (-53) all showed declines in the number of job openings received based partly on temporary or seasonal cutbacks in employment. Berlin, Littleton, and Conway reported a gain of 100 job openings during this period with a large share of the openings coming from Berlin (75 out of 100 for packaging and material handling). Littleton and Conway together reported job opening gains in services occupations (+27) as the start of winter recreation activities brought more business to motels and restaurants in the area.

ACTIVE APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION
DECEMBER 1987

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	1,357	1,353	361	1,043	81	89	500	453	1,448	349	351	49	7,434
Berlin	28	78	28	90	6	0	16	13	68	19	16	2	364
Claremont	53	81	25	61	9	10	51	24	67	11	33	4	429
Concord	178	153	29	95	5	16	49	47	181	48	42	6	849
Conway	56	32	17	33	1	2	10	5	37	12	7	2	214
Dover	172	158	34	124	7	17	81	78	251	35	35	7	999
Keene	63	97	35	100	8	4	41	32	91	29	30	3	533
Laconia	54	83	13	52	6	8	35	21	146	50	10	3	481
Lebanon	59	48	17	21	4	1	19	10	46	18	8	2	253
Littleton	27	68	16	95	10	2	41	20	89	19	24	2	413
Manchester	142	206	63	181	10	7	48	63	168	31	46	7	972
Nashua	209	142	46	58	6	8	48	81	76	30	48	6	758
Portsmouth	232	164	27	118	5	10	53	32	202	34	42	3	922
Salem	84	43	11	15	4	4	8	27	26	13	10	2	247

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

Active Applicants are individuals who have contacted a local office of the Department of Employment Security to seek employment or obtain employability development services, and are currently seeking employment. The numbers in this table do not represent only applicants registered during the month.

OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION
DECEMBER 1987

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trade	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	97	265	64	236	11	24	121	123	198	43	188	12	1,382
Berlin	2	10	1	9	0	0	23	0	8	2	73	0	128
Claremont	6	6	1	15	2	0	8	8	11	2	4	3	66
Concord	8	27	3	15	0	2	16	9	11	10	8	0	109
Conway	2	4	2	18	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	31
Dover	15	14	4	9	0	3	10	33	15	1	2	1	107
Keene	4	10	9	14	0	0	13	4	33	1	31	0	119
Laconia	3	18	10	29	2	3	10	9	27	2	2	2	117
Lebanon	4	17	1	7	0	0	2	0	9	6	12	2	60
Littleton	2	22	3	22	1	5	6	8	12	0	3	2	86
Manchester	6	82	14	26	0	0	12	18	11	8	15	1	193
Nashua	12	21	3	19	3	3	10	12	12	4	15	0	114
Portsmouth	9	16	9	42	3	6	7	12	36	3	18	0	161
Salem	8	18	4	11	0	2	4	7	11	4	4	1	74
All Other	16								1				17

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

Openings Received are jobs listed by employers with a local office of the Department of Employment Security during the month. The figures are not cumulative.

ACTIVE APPLICANTS, BY SEX, AGE, NUMBER OF MINORITIES
AND NUMBER OF VETERANS
DECEMBER 1987

	Male	Female	Eligible Claimant	Minority	Veterans	Age Group: Less Than 45	Age Group: 45 And Over	Non-Agr. Open Rec.	Unfilled Total	Open 30 Days Or More	Total Act. App.
State	4,342	3,092	2,630	257	1,570	5,994	1,440	1,381	1,756	1,149	7,434
Berlin	179	185	98	1	36	293	71	128	75	54	364
Claremont	257	172	64	4	105	334	95	66	71	49	429
Concord	525	324	717	13	158	696	153	108	109	63	849
Conway	124	90	61	2	36	168	46	31	53	41	214
Dover	601	398	440	18	229	811	188	107	152	89	999
Keene	303	230	143	3	113	446	87	119	161	106	533
Laconia	324	157	249	5	125	357	124	117	137	82	481
Lebanon	167	86	52	2	63	202	51	60	75	52	253
Littleton	241	172	75	6	67	348	65	86	77	36	413
Manchester	531	441	348	60	186	800	172	193	202	130	972
Nashua	433	325	389	48	172	584	174	114	234	178	758
Portsmouth	524	398	361	39	229	764	158	161	296	198	922
Salem	133	114	133	56	51	191	56	74	114	71	247
All Other								17			

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY
DECEMBER 1987

	Agr For. & Fish.	Construc. & Mining	Manufacturing	Trans., Comm. & Tuil	Trade	Fin., Ins. & Real Est.	Services	Public Admin.	Government	Total
State	11	146	422	42	243	37	431	50	107	1,382
Berlin	0	6	96	0	9	4	13	0	0	128
Claremont	1	6	22	4	6	0	26	1	4	66
Concord	0	11	29	2	22	5	27	13	17	109
Conway	0	1	4	0	7	0	17	2	0	31
Dover	0	5	54	1	13	2	22	0	19	107
Keene	0	11	16	4	33	1	54	0	2	119
Laconia	1	26	23	1	25	4	37	0	7	117
Lebanon	0	11	5	6	11	1	20	6	7	60
Littleton	1	12	23	0	10	10	26	4	6	86
Manchester	1	20	32	9	43	2	85	1	1	193
Nashua	2	11	44	3	19	4	29	2	3	114
Portsmouth	5	20	44	9	22	4	53	4	24	161
Salem	0	6	30	3	23	0	12	0	0	74
All Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	17

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Weekly Claims Filed During December
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U. C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	5,388	8,860	8	17	3	2	29	26	22	26
Berlin	302	581	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Claremont	244	148	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Concord	390	729	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	0
Conway	90	249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dover	914	922	4	0	0	0	7	8	14	3
Keene	223	314	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	9
Laconia	510	619	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lebanon	52	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Littleton	264	450	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Manchester	1,110	1,819	0	2	0	0	4	11	2	1
Nashua	441	827	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Portsmouth	406	745	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	5
Salem	220	296	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	222	1,085	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $123.81

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
Current month--December	345.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.4			
Year Average	340.4	328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year	3.7	1.9	3.6	4.3
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
Current month--December	340.2			
Percent change from year ago	4.3			
Year Average	335.0	323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year	3.6	1.5	3.5	3.4

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$161,147,731.29

Net contributions received during month:

$120.980.09

Net benefits paid during month:

$788,620.21

Interest Received:

0